

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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A1 cancel

functional group selected from hydroxyl, carboxyl, salt of carboxylic acid, sulfonic acid group or salt of sulfonic acid with (b) 50 to 99.95% by mole of fluorine-containing ethylenic monomer which does not have said functional group.

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8. (Amended) An aqueous dispersion for forming the thin coating film of Claim 1, which comprises 0.1 to 70% by weight of fluorine-containing polymer having a hydrophilic functional group in the form of fine particles having a particle size of 1 to 200 nm and 30 to 99.9% by weight of water.

Sub B2

9. (Amended) A method of forming the thin coating film of Claim 1, which comprises coating the aqueous dispersion of Claim 8 on a substrate and sintering at a temperature of not less than a crystalline melting point of the fluorine-containing polymer contained therein.